

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will

be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title:

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

2. Organization Name and address:

State of Oregon

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Projects will be located in all counties in Oregon with salmon and steelhead recovery areas

including: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas,

Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a

public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is a state agency that administers grants for the purpose of watershed protection and enhancement and the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife populations throughout the state. OWEB uses constitutionally-dedicated state Lottery receipts to fund competitive grants to achieve sustainable watershed health goals, which include increasing salmon populations, managing salmon populations at sustainable levels, and addressing limiting factors for listed or at-risk stocks of salmon and steelhead. Oregon's restoration and recovery approach is to work with private landowners and local communities to encourage voluntary conservation actions within a community context and to incorporate ecosystem processes into natural resource management.

OWEB is responsible for the oversight of its grants and investments and ensuring that PCSRF funds will be allocated to eligible projects and activities that provide measurable benefits to the protection and restoration of salmonid species in Oregon. The OWEB

Board is a 17-member deliberative body that makes all funding decisions for the agency. The OWEB Board is composed of six Governor appointed at-large positions including one tribal representative; five Governor appointed positions representing state natural resources agency boards and commissions, and six non-voting members representing federal natural resources agencies.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) funds provide essential support for this approach to make appreciable progress in the recovery of salmon and steelhead stocks. Through OWEB's grant program, PCSRF funds enable local restoration actions, primarily on private lands, to occur in the most effective manner. These actions provide ecological benefits above and beyond outcomes achieved through traditional regulatory programs.

We request the Commerce budget include \$90 million in total funds for PCSRF. This funding will help focus Oregon's significant investment of state resources towards the implement watershed protection and restoration actions focused on limiting factors for salmon and steelhead and the continued completion and implementation of Recovery Plans. PCSRF funds are essential to support the local infrastructure necessary to accomplish the critical aforementioned objectives, and to continue OWEB grant program investments for assessment, technical assistance, monitoring, and education.

For Oregon, the use of PCSRF funds is a critical part of a significant, larger-scale program to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat. The PCSRF funds will play a pivotal role in Oregon through supporting the assessment, project design, monitoring, and education that is necessary to implement the most strategic and effective restoration projects possible.

Specific actions undertaken through OWEB's grant program comprised of both state and federal funds include:

- Habitat restoration and salmon recovery efforts;
- Recovery planning for listed salmon and steelhead;
- Support for local conservation capacity for watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts;
- Project selection, development and design;
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of implemented restoration actions;
- Projects designed to reduce the interaction between hatchery and wild fish populations;
- Monitoring of physical and ecological conditions;
- Outreach to assist the involvement and understanding of cooperative conservation through the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds; and
- Applied research related to restoration techniques, effectiveness evaluation, and critical uncertainties related to salmon recovery and watershed restoration.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes. Congress established the program in Fiscal Year 2000 to address the listings of Pacific

salmon and steelhead populations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as well as the impacts of the Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement between the United States and Canada. The

State of Oregon has received a portion of PCSRF funds each year since FY 2000.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Overall Funding:

FY00: \$58.0M Oregon received \$9M

FY01: \$89.9M Oregon received \$15.1M

FY02: \$110.0M Oregon received \$17M

FY03: \$89.4M Oregon received \$13.9M

FY04: \$89.0M Oregon received \$13M

FY05: \$88.7M Oregon received \$12.8M

FY06: \$66.5M Oregon received \$6.4M

FY07: \$66.6M Oregon received \$7.3M

FY08: \$66.9M Oregon received \$8.2M

FY09: Awaiting final 2009 budget

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –

e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund is administered by the National Marine Fisheries

Service, which is a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the

Department of Commerce.

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

PCSRF contributes to the restoration and conservation of Pacific salmon and steelhead populations and their habitats. The states of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Alaska,

and the Pacific Coastal and Columbia River tribes receive PCSRF grants from the National

Marine Fisheries Service each year through a competitive process. The funds supplement existing state, tribal and local programs to foster development of partnerships in salmon and

steelhead recovery and conservation.

The habitat restoration efforts these funds support help to improve overall watershed health for

Oregonians, leading to cleaner water and better conditions for fish and wildlife.

The use of PCSRF funds has a direct benefit to create jobs and improve the economy in Oregon.

For example, PCSRF funds directly and indirectly support the staff of 90 local watershed councils and 45 soil and water conservation districts across the state. These groups use PCSRF

grants to do habitat restoration work which, similar to traditional construction, employs engineers, equipment operators, suppliers, and many others. Restoration projects have immediate economic impact in the form of jobs and they provide long term benefits by protecting built infrastructure, attracting business and tourism, increasing sport and commercial

fisheries, and protecting drinking water upon which local communities depend.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who?

Yes, requests will be made to all members of Oregon's delegation.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

Oregon is one PCSRF recipient and the distribution of PCSRF funding and state match is as follows:

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Oregon PCSRF State Match Funds

FY00: \$9.0M \$20.5M

FY01: \$15.1M \$26.7M

FY02: \$17.0M \$8.2M

FY03: \$13.9M \$19.2M

FY04: \$13.0M \$11.0M

FY05: \$12.8M \$33.0M

FY06: \$6.4M \$21.7M

FY07: \$7.3M \$62.2M

FY08: \$8.2M \$9.6M

FY09: Awaiting award

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$90 M

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

The PCSRF funds are crucial to leverage additional funds, and Oregon has been a leader at leveraging

additional funds. With its 181% state match (over 2000-2008 period), Oregon leverages more habitat

restoration projects per federal dollar than all other recipients of PCSRF funds.

Since its inception, over \$102 M in PCSRF funds have been matched by over \$212.1 in State funds.

Oregon has the highest percentage of match of any state receiving PCSRF.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

Yes, funding will be requested in future years.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

OWEB will apply for a grant from the National Marine Fisheries Service to receive a portion of FY 2010 PCSRF funds. Upon receipt of the federal grant, OWEB will then award grants to applicants on a competitive basis for habitat restoration, habitat protection through acquisition, assessments and feasibility studies, monitoring and planning. The OWEB grants vary in award amount and purpose.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

The State of Oregon supports continued appropriation of funds to the PCSRF. Additional support comes from a vast array of tribes, state agencies, 90 local watershed councils, local governments, non-profit organizations, private landowners, 45 local soil and water conservation districts that have received grants from OWEB.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes.